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## SU hosts Grand Opening of TETC

By Sara Sutton  
Staff Writer

President Dudley-Eshbach was seeing red this past Thursday—red ribbon, that is—as she cut the tape to the new pride and joy of Salisbury University, the Teacher Education Technology Center (TETC).

The grand opening ceremony, held in the courtyard of the new building, was set on a hot day but spirits were high as the President and other local dignitaries, as well as teachers and students, gathered to celebrate the long-awaited grand opening of a much-needed facility.

The massive 165,000 square foot building stands tall on the corner of West College Ave. and Route 13 with a colonnaded rotunda and two-story atrium which provides a “welcoming gateway to the campus.” 1,550 tons of steel, the equivalent of 310 elephants, and two Olympic-size pools of concrete went into making this 65 million dollar creation in only two years! It is the largest building in SU's history.

But what is inside is what really counts. To sum it up, the new build-



President Janet Dudley-Eshbach, Congressman Wayne Gilchrest, SGA President Lili Afkhami and Dr. Dennis Pataniczek are just a few of the privileged honorees and guests who took part in Thursday's ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Teacher Education and Technology Center's grand opening

ing boasts eight computer labs, four tiered classrooms that can hold over 130 people, a multi-media art exhibition studio with plasma screen televisions, and an integrated media center with a 3,000 square foot high-definition video production studio (one of few on campuses nationwide) and a 24-track audio recording studio believed to be one of the only ones on the Eastern Shore. This does not include the various conference, meeting and break-out rooms, outdoor classrooms, Methods Labs, and distance learning classrooms.

“I know that our teacher candidates and all of our SU students come to the University today with a higher degree of skill in technology,” said Dr. Dennis Pataniczek, Dean of the Seidel School of Educational and Professional Studies. “The TETC will allow us to meet them where they are and to take them to new heights. These new resources have the potential of changing teaching for our region, attracting new faces with new visions for the classroom.”

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## Gilchrest crosses party lines to support Kratovil



Laura Emmons/The Daily Times photo

Congressman Wayne Gilchrest, R-1, announces his support for State's Attorney Frank Kratovil, a democrat, in Salisbury last Tuesday.

By Sarah Lake  
Editor-in-chief

Defeated incumbent Congressman Wayne Gilchrest, R-1, crossed party lines last Tuesday

when he officially endorsed Democrat Frank Kratovil in the First District Congressional Race.

“For the 18 years I have been honored to represent the First District in Congress, I have always tried to

make decisions based on principle rather than partisanship or politics. This decision is no different,” Gilchrest said at a press conference in Annapolis. “I respect and admire Frank's integrity and independence. I know he'll be willing to work across party lines for the best interests of this district.”

Gilchrest and Kratovil toured the first district last Tuesday, making stops in Annapolis, Salisbury and Easton. The following day, they traveled to Cecil County.

Kratovil, a two-term state's attorney for Queen Anne's County, is running against State Senator Andy Harris, R-7, who defeated Gilchrest in the Republican primary by 10 percentage points.

Throughout his initial campaign, Harris, a Western Shore resident, launched several attacks on Gilchrest, labeling him a “dirty trickster” and accusing him of not being a “real republican.”

Gilchrest insists that his endorsement of Kratovil has nothing to do with Harris' campaign. “A cam-

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## New student apartments proposed

By Kayla Moore  
Staff Writer

Last Tuesday, city council members gave preliminary approval for three housing development programs that will build off-campus residences for SU students.

One of the three complexes is slated for construction along Onley Road, which is already highly populated with college students and complexes like University Village.

The complex would be less than one mile from the Salisbury University main campus, and less than half of a mile away from East Campus.

If the council gives final approval to these plans, pilot sites for these complexes will be expected by the end of 2008,



Brett Morgan photo

Construction begins behind Bennett Middle School.

according to [www.cweb.salisbury.se.gov](http://www.cweb.salisbury.se.gov), Salisbury's city council Web site.

The demand for student housing has been at an all time high

due to the limited amount of available space for on-campus living.

Only about 1,750 students will live on campus during the fall 2008 semester. However, no one is denied from living on campus when they apply to the school.

“Due to the limited space, priority goes to freshman and new students for on-campus housing,” said David Gutoskey, the housing and residence life director. “If they aren't living on campus, then it is because they have chosen not to, or they are transfer students, who have been wait-listed for housing.”

Gutoskey said some 300 to 400 students, mostly transfer students, are wait-listed for housing each semester.

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## ‘Commuter Connections’ makes SU worth the trip



Sarah Wright photo

GUC facilities coordinator Brian Lind and graduate assistant Janet Matope give out prizes at the Commuter Welcome Fair.

By Vanessa Junkin  
Staff Writer

Seventy-five percent of Salisbury University students commute to campus. Until this year, however, not much was done to form activities specifically centered around the needs of commuters.

After realizing a need in the campus community, though, the Commuter Connections program has started to take shape.

Lawanda Dockins-Gordy, Director of the Guerrieri University Center (GUC), runs the new program with the assistance of Hakunavanh Janet Matope, Commuter Connections Coordinator/Graduate Assistant.

The purpose of the program — which is being introduced this year — is connecting students with not only other students, but also the faculty, staff and the resources available, said Dockins-Gordy. She added that the Commuter Connections program strives to aid in commuters' basic needs of food, belonging and

shelter.

Dockins-Gordy said that she would “encourage them to stay on campus” for more time than to just attend classes. She explained some of the opportunities to stay involved in the campus community, including dining at one of the campus eateries, working on campus and studying or relaxing in one of many areas on campus grounds, such as the GUC.

To help people learn about the Commuter Connections program, Matope worked on researching for brochures and the new Web site. Dockins-Gordy noted that every commuter was sent information about the program.

In fall 2007, a survey was sent out to commuter students and the results were used to help make this academic year a better one for commuters.

The input was used to help determine what kinds of activities commuters wanted, as well as the times that would work best for these activities, what resources were lacking and also what the overall needs of

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TUESDAY 9/9/08	WEDNESDAY 9/10/08	THURSDAY 9/11/08	FRIDAY 9/12/08	SATURDAY 9/13/08	SUNDAY 9/14/08	MONDAY 9/15/08
HIGH 85	HIGH 74	HIGH 77	HIGH 80	HIGH 80	HIGH 82	HIGH 81
PM T-STORMS	PARTLY CLOUDY	PARTLY CLOUDY	CLOUDY	SCATTERED T-STORMS	SCATTERED T-STORMS	SCATTERED T-STORMS
LOW 62	LOW 57	LOW 63	LOW 64	LOW 64	LOW 63	LOW 62

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# Briefly Stated

## Study Abroad Fair

Learn about SU study abroad programs in different majors all over the world at the Study Abroad Fair 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, September 11, in Red Square (rain location: Wicomico Room, Guerrieri Center). In addition to SU-sponsored programs, representatives from SU-approved affiliated study abroad organizations will also be available to speak about their international programs. For those unable to attend, visit SU's Center for International Education at 1106 Camden Avenue, call 410-334-3495 or visit [www.salisbury.edu/intled/](http://www.salisbury.edu/intled/) for more information. For questions, e-mail [sucie@salisbury.edu](mailto:sucie@salisbury.edu).

## Syllabus Workshop

The Center for Student Achievement invites students to attend a workshop to help them better understand their syllabi. The workshop will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 9, from 3 - 4 p.m. and Wednesday, Sept. 10 from 6 - 7 p.m. The CSA is located in GUC 213. Everyone is welcome!

## Philadelphia Museum Trip

SU's Office of Cultural Affairs sponsors a bus trip to Philadelphia's College Day on the Parkway, offering free admission to many of the city's museums for college students with valid IDs Saturday, Sept. 27. The day features free shuttle service between participating locations, special programs and tours of the city's most exciting cultural centers. Tickets are \$25 for SU students, faculty, staff and alumni, on sale now. Tickets are \$45 for community members, available starting Tuesday, Sept. 16. All tickets are available at the Guerrieri University Center Information Desk. Buses depart at 6:30 a.m. from the Dogwood parking lot at SU. Buses depart from Philadelphia for the return trip at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 410-219-2872.

## Poster Sale

Tired of looking at your bare walls? Come to Beyond the Wall's Poster Sale taking place in the Pergola and Fireside Lounge Monday, Sept. 8 through Friday, Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

# Commuter

Salisbury commuters were.

More activities, games and recreational game tournaments have been established, the lounge has been redesigned and there are more resources available concerning off-campus housing, among other changes. Locker improvement is one of the next problems to tackle. Dockins-Gordy noted that surveys are very helpful in deciding a course of action and "further provide windows of information to better serve our commuter students."

Another survey will be given later this month via e-mail, and commuter students will once again have a say in what they'd like to see at SU. In addition to using the survey results and seeing what kinds of things other colleges do for commuters, Matope noted, "I'm a commuter student myself." She said she was able to think about what kinds of things she would like to see to help the other Salisbury commuters.

A meeting was held for all freshman commuters and Dockins-Gordy said that it was an opportunity to "put them in touch with other like students."

The Commuter Welcome Fair, held

# TETC

Although the building is being used by most majors on campus, its main purpose is to serve as the home to the Samuel W. and Marilyn C. Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies, formerly located in Caruthers Hall, a building one-third the size of TETC and around 60 years old. It is also greatly serving the Social Work Department, as well as the departments of music and information technology.

The ceremony began by first showcasing the Prince Street Elementary School choir who sang "We are the world, we are the children." Seven of the young students were wearing the dress of their native countries. The elementary school currently has students who speak 10 different languages from 10 different countries worldwide. The performance received a standing ovation and President Dudley-Eshbach commented, "Looking at those faces... you realize education really is the future of our country."

Speeches were then given by Dr. Dennis Pataniczek, the Dean of the Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies; President Dudley-Eshbach; the Honorable D. Page Elmore, Maryland House of Delegates, Chair, Eastern Shore Delegation; and the Honorable Norman H. Conway, Maryland House of Delegates, Chair, House Appropriations Committee.

# Gilchrest

paigned is a campaign," Gilchrest said in a phone interview on Friday. "Being charged with all of these negative accusations is quite mildly amusing."

"I simply view Frank Kratovil as someone who is very competent, who has integrity and an independent mind. I strongly feel he would represent the people of the first district very well."

In a statement released by Chris Meekins, Harris' campaign manager, Meekins criticized the endorsement, stating that Andy Harris represents a change and Frank Kratovil "obviously" represents more of the same. "Voters want a change from the failed policies of Congress of raising taxes, increasing wasteful spending and failing to solve our energy crisis."

Maryland Republican Party chairman Jim Pehura labeled the endorsement as a betrayal to Gilchrest's Republican supporters. "While Congressman Gilchrest's action is certainly not a surprise to us, it is still disappointing," he said in a statement released on Tuesday.

"It's a matter of which comes first: your country or a political party that has drifted into dysfunction," Gilchrest said. "Eisenhower, Goldwater and Reagan would not be accepted into this Republican Party."

Currently, Kratovil trails Harris in campaign funding and polling figures. In Gilchrest's opinion, Kratovil needs to do three things to defeat Harris.



Then and Now: (Left) President Dudley-Eshbach cheers at the TETC ground-breaking ceremony in 2006. (Above) Dudley-Eshbach celebrates the TETC grand opening with Dr. Dennis Pataniczek.

President Dudley-Eshbach was beaming with pride and enthusiasm as she gave her speech, stating, "I have the best job in the world!" She explained how important the new building is to the future of education at not only the University but to the teachers and graduates it will produce.

"The Teacher Education and Technology Center is exceeding all expectations. The facility has beautifully added to the appearance of our campus, and it will enable faculty to launch exhilarating innovations in teaching and learning," Dr. Janet said. "Opening up a new world of digital creativity for University students, the TETC offers possibilities

for collaboration and intellectual exploration that are cutting-edge and reflect dynamic changes happening in our world. The facility will impact the ways children are taught in schools and further advance the University's reputation as a center for excellence in teacher preparation. The TETC will attract even more of Maryland's most promising students to campus and usher in a new era at Salisbury University."

The President also hinted at upcoming campus improvements to look out for: the finishing of a parking garage, a Perdue School of Business building breaking ground next fall, a new library, improvements to the growing school of

Fulton, more student housing and enhanced sporting areas. The Honorable D. Page Elmore informed the audience that "SU is the third largest producer of teachers in the state and for the past two years has produced more Teachers of the Year, 11 total, in Maryland counties than any other institution." The Honorable Norman H. Conway was received with small chuckles when he encouraged all in the audience to pick up an application so they could have the opportunity to study in this fine building.

The ceremony was followed by ribbon cutting, tours of the building, and a reception.



Laura Emmons/The Daily Times photo  
Frank Kratovil receives Gilchrest's endorsement because of his commitment to the Eastern Shore and the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

support and backing of Congressman Gilchrest. For 18 years he has represented the people of the Eastern Shore with his own brand of common sense leadership, always putting the people before the party," Kratovil said at the Annapolis press conference. "The challenges we face today—from the health of the Chesapeake Bay to our out-of-

control budget deficits—require more than just the same tired partisan arguments. They require more leaders who can work across party lines to achieve real results, just as Wayne has done for so long in Washington."

To learn more about Frank Kratovil and to view a new television ad featuring Gilchrest, visit his Web site at [www.kratovil.com](http://www.kratovil.com).

# Crime beat

08/18/08  
11:45 a.m.-3:40 p.m.  
**Hit and Run Accident**  
A student reported that a vehicle parked in the Devilbiss Parking Lot was damaged by an unknown vehicle that fled the scene.

08/20/08  
1:30 p.m.-8 p.m.  
**Theft/Unlawful Entry**  
A student reported the theft of an iPod and jewelry from her residence hall room. A private contractor was exchanging equipment in the room when the items were taken. University Police are investigating the incident.

08/22/08-08/26/08  
5:45 p.m.-9 a.m.  
**Theft**  
An employee reported his unlocked bicycle was stolen from the front of Henson Hall.

08/29/08  
10:09 p.m.  
**Disorderly Conduct/Intoxicated Subject**  
University Police responded to Choptank Hall for a disorderly/intoxicated student. The student was transported to his residence. Judicial charges are pending.

08/28/08-08/31/08  
3 p.m.-Noon  
**Hit and Run Accident**  
A student reported that a vehicle parked in the Dresser A Parking Lot was damaged by an unknown vehicle that fled the scene. University Police are investigating the incident.

09/03/08  
12:28 p.m.  
**Harassment**  
A student reported being harassed by a former boyfriend and advised University Police that she obtained a Peace Order against the boyfriend. University Police had issued a No Trespass letter to the subject, barring him from entering the grounds of Salisbury University.



Sarah Wright photo  
University Police Officer C.C. Howell speaks to commuter students Tara Piauiski and Adriana Quattrini about campus safety and parking concerns at the Commuter Student Fair last Wednesday.

# New Apartments

With such little housing available on campus, many students turn to places like University Park and University Village for adequate living arrangements; however, even these complexes can't accommodate the growing number of students attending Salisbury University.

"For the 7,500 Salisbury University students, about only 1,500 are granted on-campus housing," said Laura Cantrell, General Manager for University Park. University Park is an apartment-style complex that houses many SU students. "Out of the 900 beds available, 880 are being currently occupied," Cantrell said. Many transfer students are looking to find housing in the local area.

Additionally, off-campus students have limited resources in comparison to students living on campus. Nick Plunkett, a senior at SU that lives off-campus said, "Places like the gym are limited to off-campus students like me because of the proximity it has from my house and campus."

If these new housing complexes are approved, off-campus students would have more chances to take advantage of the

resources available to them on campus due to the close proximity these complexes would have to the University.

The local Salisbury community would also benefit from these complexes. "The local community benefits from these new complexes in the sense that there would be less students looking for housing in single-family homes and neighborhoods," Gutoskey said.

Despite these positive outlooks, there are still some downfalls to these new complexes, the first downfall being that there is limited boarding room in these developments. The housing development on Onley Road would consist of a 12-unit complex.

"I'm assuming it will be four-bedroom apartments, so that's still only about 48 beds to accommodate the large number of Salisbury students," Cantrell said. "Also, the newer complexes can be costly and expensive. 'Students are looking for cheap living and will take anything they can get for a low price,' Gutoskey said. The rent for the apartments is starting at around \$500 dollars a month, which is difficult for many students' budgets."

"There is a definite possibility that these apartments will be expensive, especially for a student off campus," Plunkett said.



Brett Morgan photo

Construction begins on new apartment complexes near University Village to accommodate the ever-growing student population. The University anticipates a new residence hall for the fall of 2011.

# "Learn with SU" series to return for an exciting year

SALISBURY, MD.—From an interactive book club to a day trip to Virginia's Barrier Islands, the latest installment of Salisbury University's popular "Learn with SU" series features something for everyone this fall.

Delmarva residents age 50 and over are invited to take part in this lifelong learning series. Courses are held on campus and in the Maryland and Delaware beach communities.

"We are thrilled to offer nine classes on a wide-range of topics," said coordinator Amy Waters, SU's director of leadership giving and stewardship. "Some are brand new and others are variations of past favorites. The faculty, staff, alumni and community members who are teaching look forward to seeing returning participants, as well as some new faces."

The series kicks off Monday, September 8, with a lecture on beer history and samples of the best summer beers. Later in the month, the Good Earth Market and

Organic Farm in Clarksville, DE, offers tips for cultivating bulbs in containers. Another highlight is a day trip to Virginia's Eastern Shore featuring tours of the Barrier Island Center and other historic buildings, and lunch at the Eastville Inn.

Two health and fitness programs are on the agenda for October and November: low-impact walking and low-resistance exercise bands. A more sedentary option is the book club, featuring a visit by local author Christina Weaver and discussions about her book *What You Lose on the Roundabout, You Gain on the Swings*.

Other classes include a workshop on genealogy and family history with Dr. Ray Thompson, co-founder of the Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture at SU, and cooking traditional meals with new twists with SU alumnus Pete Roskovich, owner of Black Diamond Lodge.

The series wraps up Thursday,

The other two plans for housing would also be anywhere from three to seven miles away from the University. "Students would probably have difficulty getting to classes and places like the library," Plunkett said.

The local community would also suffer as well. Many of the developments have not determined what sewage and water resources would be used and to what extent, which concerns many of the city council members of Salisbury, according to Salisbury's city council Web site.

There is also no guarantee that these new developments will be in partnership with SU, unlike University Park. This could mean limited transportation to the campus, as well as the absence of resident assistants and direct access to University resources.

"If the University is partners with the management of the complexes, [students] will have access to the facilities, shuttle services and things like that," Gutoskey said.

There are, however, plans for a new residence hall for Salisbury University. "Salisbury is in the planning stages of a new residence building that will have 600 beds, and will be apartment-style," Gutoskey said. The new residence hall will have an anticipated opening date of fall 2011.

# Jump into September with Career Services workshops

By Michelle Hinkle  
Staff Writer

The month of September is filled with opportunities for students to prepare for the future. Salisbury University's Career Services Center is hosting three workshops: "Resume Writing," "All You Ever Wanted to know about a Job Fair in 30 Minutes or Less" and "Getting a Job in a Weak Economy."

To kick off September's activities, all students are invited to the resume writing workshop being held September 16. Those who attend will receive fundamental suggestions for building a resume as well as individual assistance if size allows. "There are basic tips applicable to all students but a resume is as personal as a toothbrush," Career Consultant Gloria Horner said. Students who are unable to attend the workshop can schedule a one-on-one appointment with members of the Career Services staff or take advantage of walk-in day each Thursday. When putting together a resume it is important not to overlook the significance of a well-written cover letter. A cover letter is the first impression and should not use a "cookie cutter" format. Students do not need to tackle resume and cover letter writing alone since the career resource center is ready to offer assistance. Horner said the workshop is meant for students with or without a resume.

September's second workshop is meant to alleviate the nerve-wracking and overwhelming feelings students are faced with when attending a job fair for the first time. "All You Ever Wanted to know about a Job Fair in 30

Minutes or Less" will answer basic questions about what the experience will be like and how to approach the event. This workshop is being held September 23, just two weeks before the fall job fair on campus. Kate Lorenz of CareerBuilder.com said making your mark at a job fair does not just happen by showing up. Just like going to an interview, going to a job fair requires doing research in the companies of interest, having a completed resume to distribute, presenting yourself in the best possible light and following up with the company representatives after the fact. Attendees will leave this workshop prepared to dress and act appropriately for the upcoming job fair.

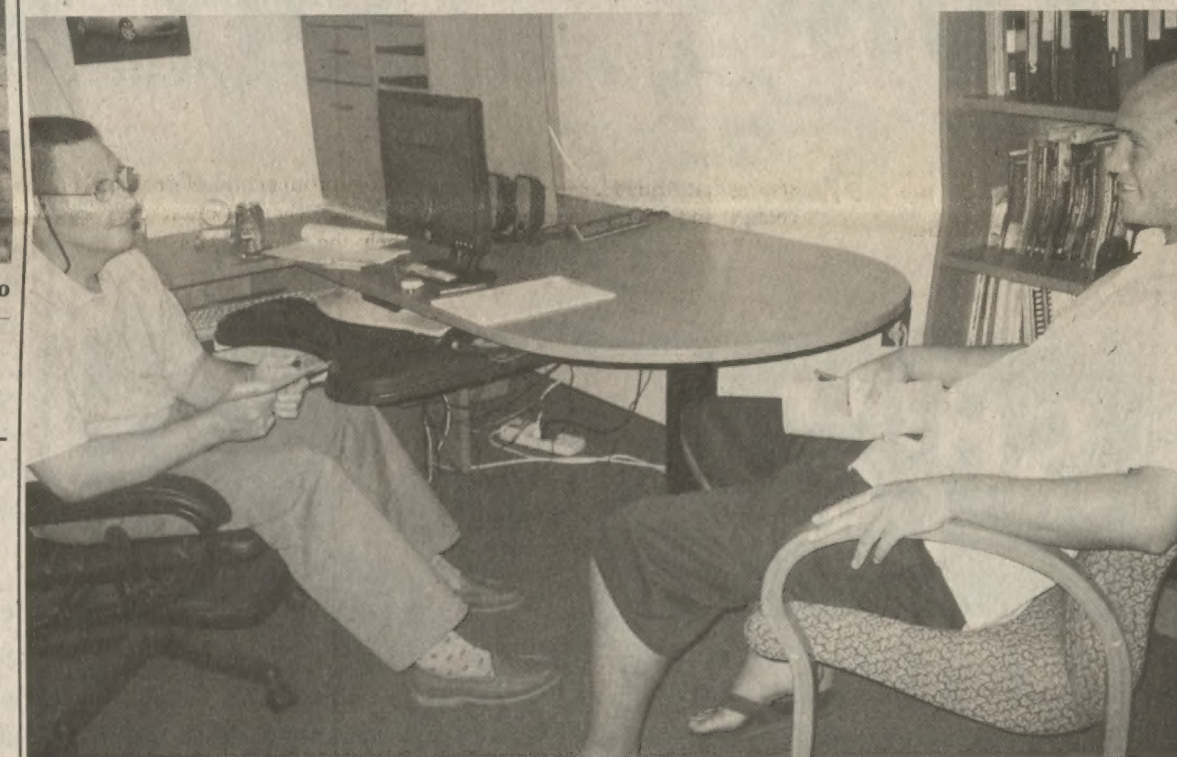
"Getting a Job in a Weak Economy" is the third and final workshop offered this month. Human Resource Specialist Marta Kiernan of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, will be leading this seminar. Finding a job in a weak economy is not just about the state of businesses. Kiernan will offer insight on how to be more competitive and proactive in the job approach. Job seekers should be prepared to apply early and eagerly. "Getting a Job in a Weak Economy" and all other events are open to any interested students or alumni.

The job and internship fair on October 1 provides students with the opportunity to meet 69 different recruiters. The Career Services Web site offers a complete list of the organizations that plan to attend the event. The list of recruiters explains which majors they are interested in hiring. The job fair workshop will encourage

students to see no more than 10 of the recruiters. A four-hour job fair does not allow enough time to leave a lasting impression on such a large number of potential employers. Students will be the most productive by forming a small list and preparing for meetings with the organizations that interest them most. "Be sure to plan ahead, but be open to all opportunities when you get to the job fair," Horner said.

Upcoming winter and spring graduates should be actively looking for employment now. Finding a job is a process that takes time and commitment. SU students interested in working for the federal government should start the application process as early as junior year. On average all students should be actively seeking employment six months prior to graduation. The hiring process is time consuming because of the need to work around schedules to set up interviews. It is not unusual to be interviewed several times for one position. The Career Services staff warns students that once a resume is submitted the hiring process could take up to eight weeks.

Students who are interested in attending any of the September events or the job fair should visit the Career Services Web site and register to attend. The Web site also features a monthly calendar that shows each of the events to come later this semester. Resumes, cover letters, internships, work experience, job fairs, interviews and second interviews can become overwhelming to any student. Career Services is offering a starting point to get on the right track to a bright future. What better time to start than September?



Sarah Jacobs photo  
Charlie Endicott talks with a student about career opportunities and resume-building. Career Services will launch three workshops in September including, "Getting a Job in a Weak Economy."

# S.O.A.P. weekly events

September 9

Comedian Loni Love with

Baron Vaughn

Holloway Hall, 8 p.m.

Movie:

Don't Mess With the Zohan

Friday 7 p.m.

Saturday 7 & 10 p.m.

Sunday 7 & 10 p.m.



# UPCOMING S.O.A.P MOVIES

SEX & THE CITY 9/19

INCREDIBLE HULK 9/26

WALL-E 10/3

HANCOCK 10/10

THE LOVE GURU 10/17

THE DARK KNIGHT 10/24



# Better departments lead to better opportunities

By Randon Ryland  
Staff Writer

Salisbury University has made some noteworthy changes to its academic departments. Beginning this fall, the Conflict and Dispute Resolution (CADR) and Nursing Departments will be offering Masters' programs. Additionally, CADR and Theatre/Dance were granted their own departments in which to better explore their specific goals, breaking away from the departments of Sociology and Communication Arts.

"The Master of Arts in Conflict Analysis and Dispute Resolution is a new program that addresses the growing need for highly skilled conflict resolution practitioners to work within judicial, governmental, social service and private sector systems," said Brian

Polkinghorne, Program Director of CADR and Executive Director of the Center for Conflict Resolution. Effective in the fall of 2009, Salisbury will officially launch the MA CADR program, open to all undergraduate majors. The program highlights a cohort course model, an in-depth research thesis project, a broad field practicum and an optimistic professional developmental project.

"One example for a professional development project is developing a concept, or perspectives, for an NGO [non-governmental organization]," explained Rob LaChance, Clinical Program Director and Managing Director for the Center of Conflict Resolution. The entering freshman class approximates to 18 students, an effort to avoid burdening the undergraduate program.

The Nursing Department updated its curriculum by commencing both the Clinical Nurse Educator and RN-MS (thus advancing a bachelor's degree) graduate programs, as part of the NSPPI grant, "to meet the community and professional need by producing advanced nurses," explained Susan Battistoni, Associate Professor and Chair of Department of Nursing. The programs were approved and are available this fall; the department is eager and preparing for a larger entering class. The Nursing Department—especially Dr. Battistoni and Dr. Johnson—also do outreach, from local hospitals to neighboring colleges, promoting the new programs in effort to increase enrollment and community service.

CADR has been moved from both the Sociology department and the

Center for Conflict Resolution into the lower wing of Holloway Hall, as its own department. "Some things we like about being our own department is we can better define the relationship between the Center and the major now, and we don't have to appeal to a chair that's in a different discipline," said Rob LaChance. As separate, the department now has better oversight and availability to CADR majors/minors. The department also updated its staff, as part of the second and rare awarding of the Elkins Grant, by inviting Dr. Arun Gandhi-jj back to host the "One Person Can Make A Difference" lecture series and CADR 409-002 class. Arun Gandhi-jj is the fifth grandson of Mohandas Gandhi-jj, former director of the M. K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence, and he gives lectures about nonviolence globally.

"It's hard to sit down and listen to the man and not be inspired. Any opportunities we have to bring him here and expose our students to him (and other great minds, really), that's what the lecture series is all about," Dr. Polkinghorne said. The department intends for its new location and program updates to attract more students and build awareness.

Theatre and Dance have fused and separated from the department of Communication Arts. "The program interests are so divergent now that it made sense to create two departments, which nationally it's [Theatre/Dance], a logical combination you see across higher education in the United States," said Dr. Victoria Hutchinson, Department Chair of Theatre/Dance program.

What makes the Theatre/Dance program unique is the classical grounding in a liberal arts setting, enhanced curriculum and endowment from Bobby Byron, a woman from Salisbury who'd attended theatre events all her life, worth a half million dollars. "What that means is in three weeks we'll be doing auditions and offering three thousand dollar scholarships for this year, so if a student's GPA stays up, they get two thousand dollars, every year," explained Dr. Hutchinson. The Theatre/Dance Department is ready for prospective students, with more productions and courses addressed to their specific needs.

For students interested in any of the aforementioned programs, all the information is available on the Salisbury University Web site.

## Givens elected SU Foundation Chairman

SALISBURY, MD—Rick Givens of Dover, DE, is the recently elected chairman of the Salisbury University Foundation, Inc.

Givens has been a member of the foundation board since 2002, serving as its treasurer from 2005-2008, and the immediate past chair of its public radio committee. He replaces outgoing chairman Edward M. Thomas, who led the foundation for four years. Thomas will continue to serve on the board.

Givens is a champion of campus enhancements and outreach through SU's Campaign 2012. He hopes to maintain the strategies that have helped the foundation meet its fundraising—as well as friend-raising—goals.

"Following the fine example of my predecessors, I look to carry forward the mission and vision of the foundation and continue to build on its successes," he said. "SU is a fantastic institution; it's a great place. There's tremendous leadership at all levels, and I'm privileged to serve in this capacity."

Givens is a two-time graduate of SU, earning his B.S. in business administration and B.A. in liberal studies/music. He is a retired senior fiscal administrative officer for the State of Delaware Treasurer's Office and former administrative officer in the office of the Delaware Insurance Commissioner. He serves on the boards of the Biggs

Museum of American Art, the Smyrna Opera House, and volunteers as a public school student mentor with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Delaware.

"We are so lucky to have the leadership of Mr. Givens," said Kim Nechay, assistant director of the SU Foundation. "His fiscal background, creative energy, dedication and love for SU are a perfect mix for a chairman of our board at this time."

Currently, the foundation manages more than \$52 million in assets for the benefit of SU. Each of the institution's four schools is permanently endowed, a rarity in higher education.

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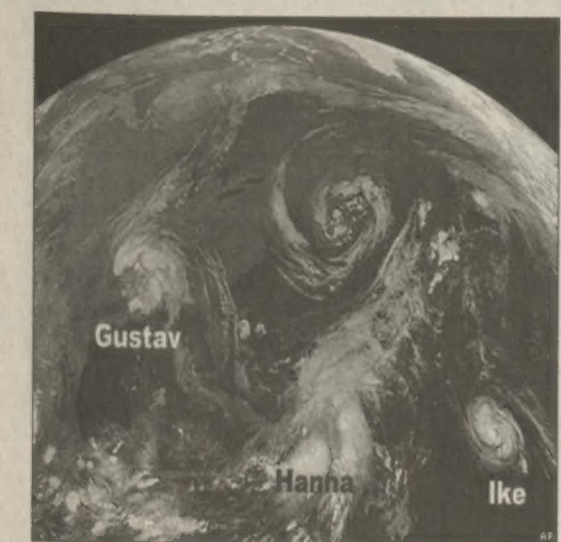
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## Hurricane season blows, literally Storms blast the Gulf and Atlantic coasts



The above satellite photo shows the development and locations of Gustav, Hanna and Ike.  
By Stacie Manger  
Staff Writer

First it was Gustav, next is Hanna, followed by the powerful Ike and everyone is waiting to see what Josephine will do. Hurricane season is blowing full force with little break between storms.

Gustav made landfall on the Gulf coastline last Monday as a Category 2 hurricane with 110 mph winds. The storm reached the classification of a major storm by one mph. There was ample damage in Louisiana, but New Orleans was spared. President Bush praised the government's response to Gustav.

"The coordination on this storm is a lot better than during Katrina," he said. The President gave high marks to the governors of the areas affected by Gustav. He said the state officials listened to everyone's problems and tried to solve them in the most effective manner. The hurricane killed at least nine people on the Gulf Coast and caused a minimum of \$12 billion in damage in

Louisiana. Tropical Storm Hanna made contact with the Atlantic coast late Friday and early Saturday morning. Evacuations were not mandatory in the Carolinas or Virginia, but they were recommended.

"Hopefully the good Lord will bless us and this storm will skirt past, but we are ready in whatever case happens," North Charleston Mayor Keith Summey said.

Officials said there was a small chance that Hanna would become a hurricane. They predicted between seven to 10 inches of rain. It left 38 dead in Haiti.

Officials are worried about Ike, a major hurricane expected to hit the Florida Keys early in the week. On Friday it was a Category 3 storm with winds reaching up to 115 mph. However, forecasters predict it could reach Category 4 with 131 mph winds. The Florida Keys have been ordered to be evacuated, but will not be forced to leave.

"We anticipate a lot of compliance with the evacuation order," said spokesperson for the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Becky Herrin. "This is a big and scary storm, and everybody is aware of it."

Ike is projected to head towards the Gulf coast, but that depends on the air cur-

rents. There are warnings for the Bahamas and Cuba. It is supposed to be off the coast of Florida by Thursday.

Josephine is a tropical depression out in the middle of the Atlantic. It is expected to move to the northwest and have little to no impact on the coastline. Advisories for Josephine will be issued if need be.

Experts believe that these hurricanes are gaining strength each year because of global warming.

"As seas warm, the ocean has more energy that can be converted to tropical cyclone wind," FSU professor of geography and study lead author James B. Elsner said.

Yet, other scientists believe that the increase in the number of hurricanes and their intensity cannot be blamed on global warming. These scientists, like the National Hurricane Center's Christopher Landsea, think it is due to climate cycles.



A sign leans over a flooded street in New Orleans as Gustav comes in on Monday.

## The Republicans in the limelight

By Jeremy Riffle  
Global Editor

In Saint Paul, one of the twin cities of Minnesota, the Republican side of the general election formally began. Officially beginning last Monday, the Republican National Convention solidified on, despite the threat of a natural disaster on the first day of the ceremonies and the presence of a strong anti-GOP sentiment throughout the nation, to nominate Senator John McCain for president.

The convention was nearly drowned out by the threat of Hurricane Gustav, which ominously neared New Orleans as it approached the Gulf Coast. Amid public fears of another Hurricane Katrina, Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal and Texas Governor Rick Perry, both Republicans, opted to forgo the convention and stay in their respective states in the event of a catastrophe. Back in Saint Paul, the spectacle of a major party convention was subdued for the RNC's first day as the country watched the hurricane advance toward Louisiana. The concerns were largely unwarranted however, as Gustav missed New Orleans and

caused less damage than anticipated.

For the second day of the convention, all of the splendor and showmanship returned. Notable speakers that night included Independent Democratic Senator Joe Lieberman and President George W. Bush, who delivered an eight minute speech to the cheers of the party members and delegates.

"If the Hanoi Hilton could not break John McCain's resolve to do what is best for his country, you can be sure the angry left never will," Bush said.

Day three of the convention had an air of historical importance. Alaska Governor Sarah Palin formally accepted the Republican nomination for vice president, becoming the second female vice presidential nominee of a major party. The first was Geraldine Ferraro, a representative from New York, who was Walter Mondale's running mate in 1984. In her speech Wednesday night, Palin, former mayor of the town of Wasilla, Alaska, told the public her history and also showed that she is not afraid to throw punches.

"I guess a small-town mayor is

### CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

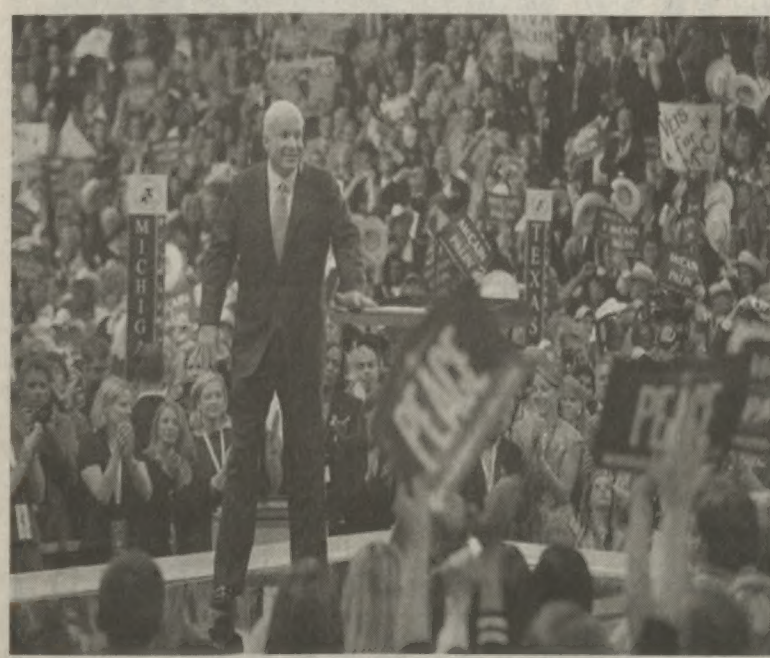
- The convention is postponed for one day due to Hurricane Gustav.
- President George Bush makes an appearance, and delivers an eight minute speech.
- Former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin accepts the Republican nomination for vice president, making her the second female vice presidential nominee.
- John McCain accepts the presidential nomination and pledged that, under his presidency, the republican party will get back to the basics.

sort of like a 'community organizer,' except that you have actual responsibilities," Palin said, dismissing Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama's former occupation and citing his alleged inexperience.

The climax of the RNC came on the evening of the fourth day of the convention when McCain formally accepted the Republican Party's nomination for the presidency of the United States. In his acceptance speech, McCain acknowledged his rebellious reputation and made a promise to the American people.

"You know, I've been called a maverick; someone who marches to the beat of his own drum. Sometimes it's meant as a compliment and sometimes it's not. What it really means is I understand who I work for. I don't work for a party. I don't work for a special interest. I don't work for myself. I work for you."

McCain also had some hard words for his own party, saying that the GOP let Washington change it and McCain pledged that under his presidency, "the party of Lincoln, (Theodore) Roosevelt, and Reagan is going to get back to basics."



McCain listens to the applause of supporters after delivering his acceptance speech at this year's Republican National Convention.

## HISTORY CORNER

SEPTEMBER 9

1947. First computer bug is found at Harvard University.

SEPTEMBER 10

2002. Switzerland joins the United Nations.

SEPTEMBER 11

1961. Hurricane Carla hits Texas, category 4 and the strongest to hit the state.

SEPTEMBER 12

1609. Henry Hudson discovers the Hudson River.

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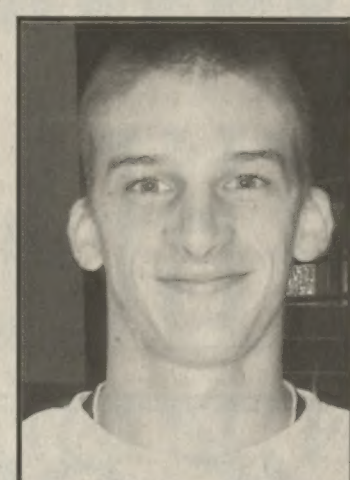


## Overheard:

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"I think she'll be a good asset to John McCain."  
Angela Letcher - sophomore



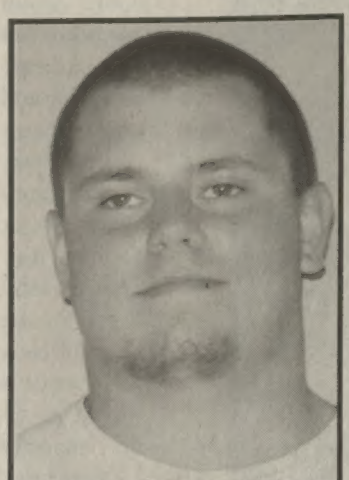
"It was a surprising pick but I think she will fit well with McCain."  
Cory Beebe - junior



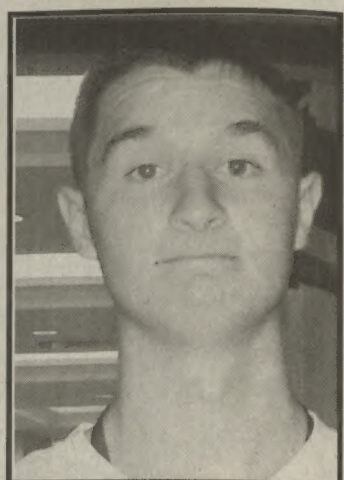
"I think on McCain's part it was smart to choose a woman, but I think he's only doing it for the votes."  
Hannah Greene - sophomore



"I think his decision for his running mate was just for popularity."  
Russell Stone - freshman



"I think he could have made a better decision on his running mate."  
Steve King - freshman



"She's hot, she was the smartest choice of a VP, due to her child with Down Syndrome and the fact that she undermined Barack's advantage of being black."  
Joe Esposito - freshman

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## What do you think of John McCain's choice of Sarah Palin as his running mate?

## {Letter from the editor}.....

By Sarah Lake  
Editor-in-Chief

At a time when young people all over the country are rallying for change, it seems that SU students, comfortable in the bubble surrounding this campus, have missed the boat.

Outside of this bubble we have created, there's a war ensuing, the economy has flopped, the country has become overly dependent on foreign oil, and there's an energy crisis, among other things. And while we chat with our friends in The Commons, play Guitar Hero, and toss Frisbees in the Quad, a historical and highly significant presidential election is kicking off – one in which the turn-out can and will affect our futures.

Eighty years has passed since the last open election – one in which neither an incumbent president nor an incumbent vice president has run for office. But this is only one reason that this election is unique and important. Obviously, the last eight years of incompetent leadership

has left us in a world of trouble, literally. Democrats and Republicans alike know that change is not only inevitable, it's absolutely necessary.

Additionally, this is the first presidential election in the history of our country that an African American has been nominated to be a candidate and the second time a woman has been chosen as a running mate.

So why am I telling you this? Most of you kind of know what's going on in the world and maybe you don't want to be reminded. Well, tough. My future and yours lies in the hands of these politicians and I refuse to let my voice go unheard. Sadly, we at *The Flyer* have discovered that there are many students on this campus who do not care to have a voice or a hand on their futures.

The College Democrats have been MIA for a year, according to advisor Dr. Aaron Hogue. Additionally, their Web site has not been updated since 2005.

The College Republicans, on the other hand, are out in full force – blar-

neting the campus with pro-McCain flyers and recruiting new members. In no way am I bashing the College Republicans. I applaud their efforts and sincerely hope that they continue to rally for their cause.

This is a message to those who have chosen apathy over passion and remission over action. This is a call to order – an effort to make students aware of unequal representation on our campus. If there were ever a time to turn your TV off and get involved, it's now.

Anyone interested in reviving the Democrats on Campus should contact Hogue. McCain supporters most definitely have a leg-up. What are you going to do about it Democrats?

I would also like to take this opportunity to ask members of the campus community to write letters to the editor expressing their political ideals. I'll print anything you send me so long as it's not highly offensive or inappropriate. Send your letters to: flyer@salisbury.edu. They must be submitted before 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

Trouble on the homefront  
Looking beyond Bristol's pregnancy

By Samantha Hiasen  
Staff Writer

Hoping to pick up Hillary Clinton supporters, Republican presidential candidate John McCain shrewdly picked the young and attractive Sarah Palin as his running mate, thus ensuring the upcoming election to be a historical first no matter the outcome.

Palin is everything McCain is not, at first glance. She is young, and a former beauty pageant winner. She admits that she likes getting what she wants and isn't afraid to fight for it. "I got the Miss Congeniality thing out of my system back then," she tells Newsweek of her pageant phase. But many voters don't know that she is the governor of Alaska. What they do know is that her 17-year-old daughter, Bristol, is pregnant and unwed.

"We're proud of Bristol's decision to have her baby and even prouder to become grandparents," Sarah and husband Todd Palin said in their statement regarding their daughter's unexpected pregnancy.

Being a staunch Barack Obama fan who was raised in a purely Democratic household, I am sometimes too quick to judge the opposing candidate. Hearing Palin's response made me pause and wonder: why is this such a big deal to everyone, if she is accepting of it?

Does her daughter's unborn baby reflect Palin's stance on the environment, the war, or healthcare? Should an issue at home determine who will be the next leader of America? Does



Anchorage Daily News photo

This 2006 photo shows Palin with her daughter, Bristol, who is now 17-years-old and pregnant.

her daughter's decision reflect upon Palin's morals and values that she will use to help lead the country?

Palin, a self-proclaimed "hockey mom," might be lacking moral standards due to a different incident that actually pertains to her political career. She has recently been under investigation for misuse of power. Palin fired the Alaska Department of

Public Safety Commissioner in mid-July. When asked, ex-Commissioner Walt Monegan reports that he was fired because he denied Palin's request to fire trooper Mike Wooten. Wooten was in a child custody battle with Palin's sister. In addition to this dubious action, Palin claims to have sold her governor's jet on eBay when in fact she sold it to a GOP contributor.

Let's be smart, well-informed voters and look beyond Palin's pregnant daughter. She is a Conservative and doesn't shake up the election by bringing moderate views to the table that differentiate from Bush or McCain. (McCain's campaign manager Rick Davis reports "He saw a lot of himself in her.") She is against abortion, against stem cell research, pro-drilling for oil in her home state Alaska, and for teaching creationism along side evolution in schools.

One issue that separates her from McCain is that while he oozes experience concerning foreign affairs, Palin has none. McCain's argument against Obama has been that he has little experience regarding his area of expertise. By choosing Palin as a running mate, McCain has undercut his main argument against Obama.

A Newsweek blogger's headline reads: "Palin more popular than Obama and McCain." Let's hope for America's sake that her new popularity is about more than this controversy.

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The difficulty lies in that each vertical nine-square column, or horizontal nine-square line across, within the larger square, must also contain the numbers 1-9, without repetition or omission.

Every puzzle has just one correct solution. Good luck.

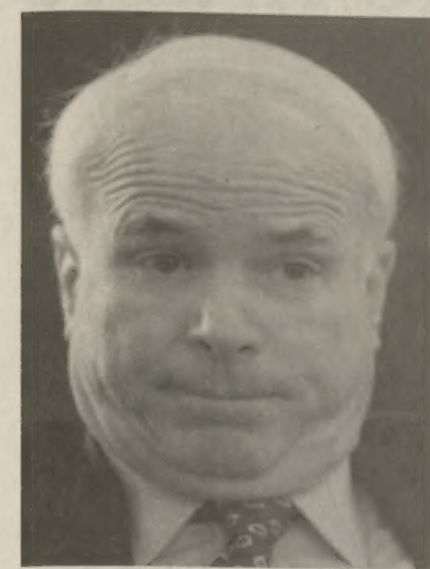
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## GOP Convention: The calm before the storm



Internet photo

Many aspects of the GOP Convention reflect poor taste. Is there more to come?

By Derek Pettinelli  
Staff Writer

Conniving, exploitive, and manipulative; these three words perfectly describe some of the scenes seen at the Republican National Convention. Prior to the acceptance speech by John McCain, where he stood before a random picture of Walter Reed Middle School, instead of the intended Walter Reed Army Medical Center, there was a video that was shown that displayed graphic images of 9/11. To put it bluntly, the content of the video and the voiceover that accompanied it was in incredibly bad taste; it was unexpected and insensitive to those who have been hurt by that tragedy. In addition to being in poor taste, the video's presence calls into question why a McCain acceptance speech would need to be preceded by a fear mongering video featuring the largest terrorist attack on American soil in history?

Regardless of the video's intention, the result was an offensive and unexpected display of arrogance and/or ignorance on behalf of the Republican Party. The convention was mostly carried off without a hitch, although there were a few brief shots of anti-war protestors and Iraq War veteran Adam Kokesh, who held up signs saying "You can't win an occupation" and "McCain votes against vets" before being whisked away by security, where he was later questioned and released.

One of the most sensitively handled and unspoken things in the convention involved McCain's VP pick, Sarah Palin, whose 17-year-old daughter was revealed to be pregnant, something that directly contrasts against Conservative views. This shocking news even took precedent over the shock of Palin being picked, someone whose experience is limited, which was one of the claims continually leveled against Barack Obama.

In between the political slandering, people such as Bill O'Reilly are tripping on their own words with the news of Palin's pregnant daughter. Prior to the revelation, O'Reilly had choice words regarding Jamie Lynn Spears' pregnancy, for which he lambasted her parents, calling them "pinheads" who had "no control over her." Even disregarding all the controversy regarding Palin and her family, the fact that she's a woman is shocking enough news. Complaints leveled against Hillary Clinton for allegedly playing the gender card were also quickly forgotten once Palin was picked, with detractors quickly forgetting their attacks in order to make a vain attempt to make face.

The Republican National Convention is the beginning of the end. The next few months will prove to be a bitter battle of politics, one that is guaranteed to be more intense than any prior election in recent memory. In a world already plagued by recession, war, fear, and confusion, the next few months will be interesting to say the least. The only question is if the world will be able to handle it or if it collectively implodes.

## DNC: A student's view from the floor

Jonathan Moynihan  
Staff Writer

2008 marks a historic year for the United States of America. Not because Michael Phelps won eight gold medals, and not because it's the year the Jonas Brothers broke out as mega-superstars. 2008 will be recorded in the history books as the year our nation elected either the first African-American commander in chief or the first woman to be the Vice President. But perhaps even more historic than the candidates themselves is the race that has been run by these individuals, and how their campaigns have reshaped the political arena.

Now the Democrats and the Republicans have both had their chance in the spotlight, with both parties recently wrapping up their four-day extravaganzas known as their conventions. Both the DNC and the RNC provided America with a very vibrant and often rehearsed spectacle into the world of their political party. While both parties attempted to draw citizens in with their lights, music and captivating speakers, neither political fronts were able to bring you the kind of view this journalist can offer. A view from the floor.

I had the opportunity to intern with CNN this past August as a floor runner for their coverage of the Democratic National Convention. Now, as a registered Independent I show no favor to either political party; it was strictly chance that I was chosen to cover the DNC and in no way was it a decision on my part. Regardless of your political affiliation, the DNC was a spectacle to be admired as it climaxed Thursday, Aug. 28, in Invesco Stadium where Senator Obama accepted his nomination for President in front of almost

90,000 delegates and supporters. Some of the supporters I saw during that time were Olympic gold medal gymnast Shawn Johnson, Susan Sarandon, Stevie Wonder, Anne Hathaway and renowned newsman Dan Rather. None were there as delegates or journalists, but as supporters. It was especially surprising to see Dan Rather so openly supporting a candidate despite his status as a member of the media.

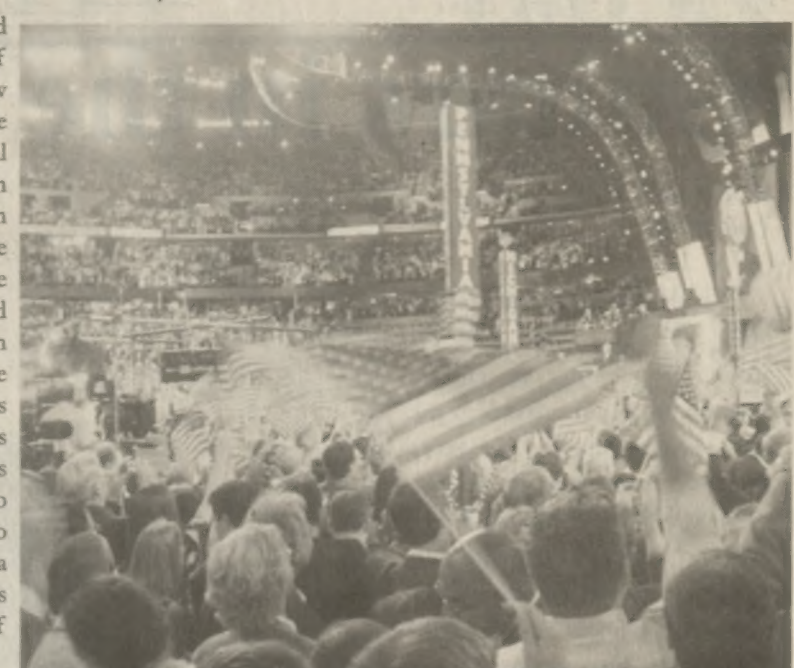
My experience with CNN began a week before the convention actually began. I arrived in Denver a week early and spent most of my time in the days prior to the DNC getting used to the Pepsi Center and the CNN designated areas of operation. One of the most fascinating parts of the convention was the three 103-foot-tall LCD screens that overlooked the floor and billowed out over the delegates. The Associated Press estimated that the convention itself cost close to \$100 million, not including the \$50 million for security paid for by the federal government. The Convention floor itself was a remarkable sight even though it was just a precursor to "the big show."

Throughout the convention, I was on the floor during the keynote speakers such as Ted Kennedy, Michelle Obama, Hillary Clinton and VP candidate Joe Biden. Each speech carried significance and a specific purpose which ignited the delegates and supporters into a frenzy of chants, cheers and even tears. With each keynote address came designated posters, signs and chants. Regardless of the rehearsal aspect of the convention, the atmosphere was overwhelming even to the most veteran of journalists like Anderson Cooper, Wolf Blitzer and John King. Things were chaotic inside the Pepsi Center, but Thursday at Invesco brought on a whole different



Jonathan Moynihan photo

Supporters rally for both Michelle and Barack Obama at the Democratic National Convention.



Jonathan Moynihan photo

Moynihan interned for CNN and had the chance to meet and work with Anderson Cooper, Wolf Blitzer and John King. Above, the crowd goes wild for Barack Obama and Joe Biden.

level of political and fanatical insanity.

It was insanity in the sense that I have never seen or experienced anything that could be compared to the emotion and energy inside that stadium. I've been to NFL games and I've seen a Maryland vs. Duke basketball game, but the atmosphere during Obama's acceptance night was palpable; you could taste it.

As I followed my cameraman throughout the crowd, I saw everyday Americans and delegates, along with elected officials, and every one of them was entranced by the atmosphere. I witnessed grown men weeping, and across the row there were people cheering and shouting joyously. I was with Anderson Cooper, Wolf Blitzer and John King for almost every major speech of the convention, and Obama's speech was the only time I saw each and every one of them stand and face the podium as the speech was being given. It was quite a site.

At the end of the night, fireworks and confetti rained down from the sky. But the real show came from the people, and from the very real power of democracy.

Regardless of the outcome of the elections, the DNC will be historic in its groundbreaking attempts to host its main event in such a large venue. And if it is any indicator of what's to come, we as Americans are in store for one epic election.

## Buying books or making a down-payment on a car?

By Morgan Majchrzak  
Staff Writer

As Salisbury students return to campus for another semester and classes begin, there is one thing that every student needs to succeed in their classes: books. After already paying for room and board, tuition, and food, not much money is left. The last thing students need is to go to the bookstore to buy books and find that a calculus textbook is over one hundred dollars or a biology lab manual is fifteen dollars. Talk about sticker shock! Not only that, but at the end of the semester during Book Buyback, not all your money is handed back. How frustrating is it to know that these books are a necessity to our success and the register is showing you a

four hundred dollar total? Even when students opt to buy a used textbook over a brand new book, the price is equally outrageous. For example, on the Salisbury University Bookstore Web site, a college algebra textbook is \$142.25 for a new copy and the used copy is \$106.75. Granted, the used edition is slightly cheaper but still way too much for a college student to afford. "I think the prices are generally fine for new text books, but they resell used books for far too much compared to their buyback value," junior Mark Comaty said, and I agree with him. The general rule of thumb is new equals expensive. However, when it comes to a used, written in, highlighted, torn book, is \$100 really an appropriate price? To all the students that only

need one book or manual this semester, consider yourselves lucky. Really, go purchase a lottery ticket. Then, if it's a winner, buying books will be extremely affordable come next semester.

Last year I thought the prices were expensive, but I dismissed them as normal because I was a freshman and never went through this process before. I did not know about buying online or through students; the bookstore was the place that many freshmen, including myself, flocked to. At semester's end, during Book Buyback I was excited to be able to hand my books in and get all my money back, but I only got back a third of what I paid. I was, to say the least, disappointed. Now, as a sophomore I am getting smarter in finding

other means besides the school bookstore.

For example, more and more students have been going to other places to buy books, such as www.amazon.com, www.half.com, or even by posting on the campus bulletin. I find that these are excellent alternatives because students can find the books that they need for substantially cheaper prices. Referring back to the college algebra textbook, on www.amazon.com the used version of the book is selling for \$19.95. Now that's affordable! I am also going to use the campus bulletin system in order to sell my books come November. I understand I won't get the same price I paid for most of my books, but I'd rather end up with a hole in my wallet than a crater.

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# 'Guitars in the Classroom' lets out the music

By Amanda Dureski  
Staff Writer

In a time when gas prices and other costs are high, schools around the country are cutting back on important classes in the arts, such as music. For many students, these very classes are the reason they come to school everyday. Music provides an outlet and an area of interest for individuals who do not like subjects like mathematics or science. Without music, students may lose their curiosity and drive for learning; but with it, countless doors may be opened. Fortunately, a new program has arrived at Salisbury University that will help bring music and fun into the classroom. This program is called Guitars in the Classroom.

Guitars in the Classroom (GITC) started ten years ago in California and has spread widely over time. The program is active in 22 states including Delaware, Virginia and Pennsylvania. Salisbury University has become the first institution in Maryland to pick up the program. This program was brought to life by Dr. Diane Wagner, professor in the Department of Education Specialties. Her passion for music and desire for it in the classroom directed her to the new position. Wagner has played the guitar for almost 30 years and currently has a CD out titled *Tradition Bearer*.

The musical program is avail-



Dan McFarland photo

Dr. Diane Wagner, professor in the Department of Education Specialties, introduced the Guitars in the Classroom program to Salisbury University. The program aims to encourage teachers to incorporate music into their curriculums.

able to current teachers in pre-school through eighth grade. The class meets for seven weeks and, within that time period, the basics of guitar are learned. The participants become involved in activities such as song writing, rhythm exercises, music games, singing warm-ups, learning techniques and lessons for taking care of their guitars.

Multiple resources are provided to further knowledge in guitar playing. Teachers receive a song book of 100 songs that can be used in the classroom. Each

participant is also given a free guitar to use in their classroom. Companies such as Martin Guitars and Godin Guitars have donated guitars to Maryland's program at Salisbury University. Their contributions have provided numerous opportunities for students and teachers alike.

No prior experience with guitars is necessary to take part in GITC. The class is meant for teachers who wish to improve their class with music, so simple techniques are established to help individuals of all skill lev-

els. Since it is difficult to use the left hand to play at first, an "Open G Tuning" technique is utilized in the beginning classes. This is when the guitar is already tuned to G so all one has to do is strum. Many songs require the use of only two fingers on the left hand. By the end of the first class, participants of GITC will be able to play a song on the guitar for their class.

The songs and styles of music learned are diversified due to the wide variety of students in the schools today. From folk music

to rap to hip hop, GITC touches upon many styles to include children and adolescents of all backgrounds, races and interests. Music in the classroom is a great way to help students who speak other languages learn. English and visa versa. It even makes learning the alphabet easier. One of Wagner's favorite songs is the ABC Rap, which teaches children the ABCs in a fun, unique and effective way.

The question is: Why is it important to have GITC in the schools, and why should it be

offered to teachers in the Salisbury area?

"Music meets students where they are," Wagner said. "The goal of the program is to use music to help teach content."

With music there are always new things to learn and new ways to learn them. It keeps students interested and attentive. Tremendous leadership opportunities also become available with GITC. Students are able to get in front of their peers, practice the guitar, and showcase their talents.

The Salisbury University program for the fall has filled all 15 spots in the class and there is already a waiting list for the spring 2009 semester. Teachers from three surrounding counties attend the class. Worcester County encourages teachers to incorporate music in their curriculum, so GITC is a great opportunity for them.

The presence of music in the lives of children and adolescents today is apparent on TV, radio and movies. It is now time for it to make its way into the classroom. GITC is an amazing tool to do such a thing. With its experienced instructors, generous donors and active participants, the program has the ability to change the view of learning for countless students.

For more information please contact Dr. Diane Wagner at [dhwagner@salisbury.edu](mailto:dhwagner@salisbury.edu) or visit GITC's Web site, [www.guitarsintheclassroom.org](http://www.guitarsintheclassroom.org).

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"I'm a freshman this year and I'm living in the dorms. I've never had to share my room with someone before and I am an only child. I am having a hard time adjusting to living with someone else and sharing my belongings. I am also having a hard time because my roommate and I are so different. Any advice on how I can adjust?"

In some cases, it can be a good thing if you and your roommate aren't much alike. A different perspective on things may be helpful. But it's probably wise not to expect that you'll be best friends with your roommate because it can set you up for disappointment. Agree on perimeters and talk through issues before they become problems and get out of control. Once perimeters are established, it may be necessary to make adjustments as new issues arise. If your roommate is doing something that upsets you, talk to them about it before your anger builds up and you do not even want to be in your dorm anymore.

Common problems include sloppiness, dividing food, visitors, personal space, music tastes and quiet time. When problems arise, try to solve them as a room first. Don't beat around the bush or drop hints. Talk as roommates and don't belittle or gang up on anyone. Be factual. Set or reiterate policies. If problems persist, you may need to ask the RA to act as a liaison. Practice common courtesy when it comes to visitation. Establish policies or schedules, setting aside nights for quiet and study time. Be flexible, but not at the expense of your studies or health. Respect your roommates' rights to guests and socializing; after all, they are paying for the room too. Set a policy about borrowing each other's clothes to avoid

problems when clothing is borrowed without asking. If you and your roommate don't get along, it can help to find someone you do feel understands you — which should be easy on a campus with plenty of interesting people. If you're really having roommate or friendship troubles, make a stop at the school counseling center. Salisbury University has one, and first-year fears are something the counselors know well. The counselors will either talk to you one-on-one or if there is a peer group for students who are feeling like you, you can choose to join it. Talking to others who are in the same situation can be comforting. You can also talk to your Resident Advisor about any adjustment or roommate problems.

"I'm thinking about rushing but I'm not sure if it's for me. I'm afraid I'll lose friends who don't want to go Greek. How do I decide?"

Going Greek is a huge decision and definitely impacts the rest of your time spent at school. It's also a great way to stay involved with campus activities and meet new people. Going to something as basic as an interest meeting for Greek life will give you an idea if it is something you would want to be a part of. Even if you decide it's not for you, the meeting will allow you to meet new people who are in the same shoes you are. There are many advantages to going Greek. As a member of the fraternity/sorority community, you will have the opportunity to meet students of various backgrounds with both similar and different interests as you. The Greek community also encourages and promotes high scholastic achievement and leadership skills that will benefit you in the future. Throughout the year a fraternity/sorority will participate in many social events such as Homecoming, Parent's Weekend, pre-game tailgates, dinner dances, mixers, backyard barbecues, Greek Week and special spring formal. For more information about the Greek life offered at Salisbury visit [http://www.salisbury.edu/sal/greek/fraternities\\_sororities.htm](http://www.salisbury.edu/sal/greek/fraternities_sororities.htm).

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Not that my parents didn't care

## .....Weekly Greek.....

### SUGAP Honors Greek Life

By Ben Muell  
Staff Writer

The Greek community started the semester off with the first annual Salisbury University Greek Assessment Program (SUGAP) Awards Ceremony. The function was attended by the Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Ellen Neufeldt, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Dane Foust and the Dean of Students, Ed Cowell.

John Stout, Student Life Coordinator of the Greek Life & Wellness Programs, opened up the night by giving thanks to everyone for their hard work to make Greek life the best it can be. Special thanks went out to Heather Holmes, Ann Obert and Lindsey Van Couteren of the Student Activities Office for their help with SUGAP.

The big award of the night went to Phi Mu, who received the SUGAP Chapter of the Year Award. "It was an amazing honor

for us. We all work very hard as a whole and achieving a 100 percent rating was really rewarding," said Sara Keenan, president of Phi Mu. "For us SUGAP was just about documenting what we do throughout the semester and just adding a couple more events to fulfill the requirements. SUGAP provides the school with a way to see what Greek life is about and what we do here at SU and for the community."

Each chapter received an award based off of a 100 point scale. Other honors were awarded for academic excellence, campus and community involvement, leadership development, chapter operations, recruitment and new member education, ritual and inter-fraternal spirit.

"SUGAP will really be a great tool for the future. Before there really wasn't anything set in place to judge our organizations and now the program really gives us something to focus on and specific goals to achieve which, in the end, will improve each individual chapter as well as Greek life as a whole," said John Richards, president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.



Leslie Pusey photo

Greek leaders await the announcements of award winners at the first annual SU Greek Assessment Program Awards Ceremony.

## Unordinarily S(h)ane

By Shane Hill  
Staff Writer

Originally my mother meant to name me Shane and that's what I'll go by to protect my friends and the reflections I hope you'll explore with me weekly.

For starters I'm 20-years-old, gay, and between friends and I, we've dealt with, and are dealing with, everything and anything you may be going through as well. And in writing this column I hope to inspire and encourage, as well as grow through creative reflection.

**The Forget-me-Rem's**  
This past week in the bookstore, I saw a guy who seemed to be a freshman or a sophomore, shopping with his mother. It may have been situational, but his verbal and bodily expressions showed a very disturbing disrespect for her while she helped him shop for his books. Recalling countless times I'd seen this and similar events, I couldn't help wonder why some of us take our parent(s) for granted. Have we as college students, longing for independence, forgotten all that our parents have done for us? Are we taking for granted the seemingly simple things like surprise visits and care packages?

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but I can honestly say they've visited me once during my freshman year and twice if you include dropping me off. My parents still expected me, a care-less freshman, to visit, thus leaving me to rely on friends who had cars and Greyhound. I wasn't the only one though, as I'd made friends with people in the same or worse predicaments.

In short, my friend Liz's father was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis and with his side of the family very concerned, they kidnapped him, taking him back to his native country without telling anyone. Liz often tried to hide the hopelessness of the situation, though her dead gaze gave it away. It was as though her father had been sand that slipped through the cracks of her fingers. She knew she would never see or hear from him again. She goes to counseling and turns to friends but a lost parent can be one of the hardest experiences to deal with.

I was walking on eggshells particularly around my friend Nick who'd lost his mother at age five. There wasn't any way he could've compensated for her absence, but he managed, and you wouldn't have been able to tell. Still, you couldn't help but feel sorry for him. All the while

I thought he'd never get letters with lipstick kisses on them, or even those annoying 9 a.m. calls, as was the case with my other friend Chelsea.

In this I felt that some of us, even myself, had forgotten the two or three jobs our parent(s) took up, the loans, the applications, the scholarships, etc. to help pay for the rising cost of tuition among other things, or even never considered those of us who knew the harsh reality of paying for college ourselves. There are some of us who rely too heavily on the "rents" for things we can otherwise do ourselves, such as setting up conferences with a professor to discuss grades, or even to discuss roommate issues.

I have to admit that sometimes I've felt stuck in a sophomore circle of parading ungrateful children. Again each matter is situational, but regardless, they say you never appreciate what you have until it's gone. In this case, our "college kids" must continually mature with time, with our parent(s) as free weights versus anchors and a hand, not a life raft. Our choices: growing up and leaving the nest, or growing irresponsibly younger. For me, I hope to graduate as an adult.

Heat exhaustion and heatstroke can be prevented by avoiding exercising and staying inside during the heat of the day along with staying hydrated. Treatments include resting in the shade, removing as much clothing as possible and taking sips of water. It is important to cool the body down as quickly as possible. This can be done by removing clothing and placing damp, wet towels directly on the skin.

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Remember, the next time you're enjoying a relaxing day out in the sun, stay hydrated and look out for the signs and symptoms of heat illness in your friends.

## HEALTH COLUMN

### Heat Illness

By Katie Murphy  
Staff Writer

As the final days of summer come to an end and last minute barbecues are still the norm, remember to be on the watch for heat illness. Spending a hot day drinking adult beverages and relaxing in the sun is a recipe for disaster. Alcoholic, caffeinated and sugary drinks quickly dehydrate the body making it susceptible to heat illness. Athletes are at high risk when participating in strenuous exercise, especially in the heat of the day. "They are really challenging their bodies at a higher level than what they did in high school," said Jennifer Berkman, Director of Student Health Services at SU.

Student Health Services normally sees around 100 to 200 students a year for heat illnesses, Berkman said.

Heat-related illness occurs when the internal body temperature rises due to exposure to heat, over working the body organs through exercise, or the loss of fluids due to excessive urine output. Heat-related illness can start off as dehydration and, if left untreated, can advance to heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

Dehydration has a wide range of causes. Symptoms include dry or sticky mouth, low or no urine output, urine that is dark yellow in color, sunken eyes, lethargy, low blood pressure, rapid heart rate and skin that has lost its elasticity. It can be prevented by staying hydrated and being sure to drink plenty of water.

Heat cramps are muscle pains or spasms that happen during heavy exercise. They can be avoided by staying hydrated, eating properly to keep electrolytes balanced and being acclimated to the environment.

Heat exhaustion is a potentially serious illness that is caused by working too hard in hot weather. According to [www.webmd.com](http://www.webmd.com), symptoms include heavy sweating, confusion, dizziness, nausea, excessive thirst and slowed or weakened heartbeat.

Heatstroke is a life-threatening illness in which the body temperature may rise above 106 degrees in mere minutes and quickly cause death. According to [www.webmd.com](http://www.webmd.com), symptoms are similar to heat exhaustion and include hot, flushed and dry skin, rapid heart rate, decreased sweating, shortness of breath and dizziness. Symptoms may progress very quickly to seizures or severe delirium.

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## From the Photo Bank: What's happening on campus



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The "Venetian Masks: The Art of the Mascareri" Exhibit will be on display in the Fulton Hall foyer until September 26. This is just one of the several events planned for this year's Renaissance Cultural Series.

Students from Prince Street Elementary sing "We Are The World" at the Teacher Education and Technology Center (TETC) grand opening on Thursday.



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Freshmen Pat O'Keefe and Matt Pacchiana belt out "Breakfast at Tiffany's" at karaoke last Tuesday night. The event was hosted by SOAP.

SGA Vice President of External Affairs Pat Gotham runs the black jack table at Welcome Week's Casino Night in Maggs Gym.

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## Club Spotlight Republicans on Campus



Republicans on Campus officers (left to right): Chris Larkin, president Angela Lenok, Dave Larmore, vice president Shawn Jester, and David Slovin.

By Jillian Verpent  
Staff Writer

Perhaps some people wandered over for the free pizza, but the majority of students who came out for the first meeting of the College Republicans were eager to get involved and voice their ideas and opinions.

The group gathered in the Guerrieri Center's Fireside Lounge and delved into a discussion about the Republican National Convention. Many were quick to give credit and praise to vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin for her public speaking skills. Others were enthusiastic about helping out and ready to begin working as soon as possible, which is something the club officers were pleased to see.

"Getting involved politically gives people a chance to broaden their horizons," said club treasurer Chris Larkin.

"You get to see the difference you can make in the community," said president Angela Lenok. "You can support your political party and help out candidates starting at the local level."

Both Larkin and Lenok said the main goal of the club is to try to get the campus more politically active. The club does so by hosting weekly meetings to discuss ideas, setting up guest speakers and volunteering to help the campaigns of local candidates.

Lenok was glad to see such a large number of students interested in making a difference. "We have not been as active in past years as we would like," she said. "This year we are looking forward to building the club back up and recruiting more people to help us out."

Since it is an election year, it can be an exciting time to get involved, Larkin said.

A large focus this year will be supporting Andy Harris in his bid for Congress. Last year the club helped with his campaign and they are looking for ways to help make that final push as the election draws near. Several members have participated in phone banking for local candidates and agree that it is a good way to help out.

"This club gives students a good opportunity to meet people with the same views as one another,"

said junior Chris Teffau.

Teffau was an active Republican Party supporter in high school and joined the College Republicans at SU his freshman year. "It gives everyone a chance to get together and help the community," he said. "Even if you don't agree with every viewpoint or idea, it is still a great learning opportunity," Larkin said. "It is important to know who is going to be responsible for shaping our future politically."

Educating people on the issues is one of the club's most important goals.

"If people do not know about what is going on around them, it will not help that they are registered to vote," Lenok said. "People need to understand the issues to make a good decision when voting."

The club is currently working on setting up a regular meeting time so that they can begin planning their activities.

"We encourage everyone to come out and see what this is all about," Lenok said. "Everyone is always welcome and we're looking forward to a good semester," Larkin said.

## News from the Public Relations Office: New deans to lead Henson and Fulton schools

SALISBURY, MD—Salisbury University's new dean of the Richard A. Henson School of Science and Technology began her career as an ecologist whose main research interest was studying bugs. "Insects are so interesting," said Dr. Karen Olmstead, who took her first entomology class after deciding that she wanted to become a park ranger. Her favorite group of insects is a type of leaf beetle, called tortoise beetles, which have an unusual defense mechanism.

"As larvae they carry their waste products around on their bodies, which is a repugnant, but tremendously effective defense against many predators," she said. "As adults, these beetles are stunning, like brilliant jewels-kind of like the ugly duckling turning into a swan."

While Olmstead never pursued a career as a park ranger, she did earn her bachelor and master of science degrees in entomology from the University of Delaware, and her Ph.D. in entomology from the University of Maryland in 1991.

Then she began a 17-year academic career at The University of South Dakota in Vermillion, where she went from studying insect ecology in the field to nurturing students' growth in the classroom.

With roots as a Biology Department professor and chair, Olmstead served as USD's associate vice president for Academic Affairs and dean of the Graduate School, as well as director of University Honors and Undergraduate Studies. In her various roles at USD, she established a new interdisciplinary undergraduate program, gained national recognition for the University Honors Program and increased graduate student enrollment and programs in areas including biomedical engineering, political science and materials chemistry.

Olmstead said she was attracted by SU's focus on liberal arts and undergraduate research. "SU has always been on my radar because of its emphasis on undergraduate research

and preparation of students for leadership," she said. "I was so impressed with the leadership role SU took as two-time host of the National Conference on Undergraduate Research. Given the high-quality programs we offer, and trends in higher education, applied graduate education in select fields represents a real opportunity for Salisbury University."

As dean of the Henson School, Olmstead will oversee seven academic departments and more than fifteen academic programs. She also plans to work with the Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) initiatives to better recruit and prepare math and science teachers.

"While I loved my time in the Northern Plains, I'm really thrilled to be back in this region working for SU and the University System of Maryland," she said.

Olmstead resides in Salisbury with her husband, Brian Busek, and their two children, Maggie, 12, and Lincoln, 14.

For Dr. Maarten Pereboom, history has repeated itself.

Pereboom, who joined Salisbury University's History Department faculty in 1994, served as interim dean of the Charles R. and Martha N. Fulton School of Liberal Arts from 2001-2002. Now, he has returned to the position only this time it's permanent.

Originally from Canada, Pereboom earned his Ph.D. in History from Yale University in 1991, specializing in 20th century international relations. From there he pursued a post-doctorate fellowship at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. In 1994 he became a member of SU's history faculty, and while he was soon pulled in the direction of administration, he has always retained a love for teaching. "It has been especially gratifying to see the transformation of our students during their time at Salisbury University, and excellence in teaching remains the focus of my efforts, whether inside or outside the classroom," he said.

In 1996 he became assistant dean of the Fulton School, advancing to associate dean in 1998. After serving a year as interim dean, he was appointed chair of the History Department in 2002. Now, he oversees that department along with 11 others as dean. His first major task: ensuring that the Fulton School's recently enacted curriculum reform, which will have students taking four four-credit courses instead of five three-credit courses, will provide students with an educational opportunity characteristic of exclusive private liberal arts colleges.

"It allows students to pursue topics in greater depth, and academic success will require greater self-discipline and more extensive study outside of the classroom," he said. "Faculty members in turn will have to develop new strategies and approaches to motivate students and stimulate learning, but that's what makes teaching such a satisfying and rewarding profession."

Pereboom may get to experience curriculum reform first-hand. The new dean hopes to return to the classroom to teach a class once or twice a year. He also will continue his scholarly pursuits, having just completed a manuscript, *History in Film: The Twentieth Century Experience in Moving Pictures*, for Pearson-Prentice Hall. His 1995 book, *Democracy at the Turning Point: Britain and the End of the Postwar Order, 1928-1933*, won the prestigious Choice Outstanding Academic Book Award.

In addition to his years spent teaching at SU, Pereboom has served as an instructor at Yale, the University of Maryland University College and Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI. He has been a teaching fellow at Yale and Harvard. Pereboom has also served as a consultant for the Atlantic Council of the United States and the Council on Foundations in Washington, D.C.

At SU he won the 1998 Distinguished Faculty Award. He also led the successful effort to secure an \$815,000 Teaching American History grant from the U.S. Department of Education in 2003.

For more information call 410-543-6030 or visit the SU Web site at [www.salisbury.edu](http://www.salisbury.edu)

## SafeRide successfully hosts its second annual Rock the Quad

By Samantha Sullivan  
Staff Writer

This past Friday, SafeRide held its second annual Rock the Quad event on campus.

Instead of sending out e-mails and posting flyers around campus, SafeRide decided to raise awareness another way. They took over the quad and turned it into an on campus hot spot to raise awareness of the organization.

The event included a badminton game, snacks, drinks, high flying kites, and free stuff promoting the SafeRide name. Those who stopped by to learn more about the organization and to sign up to work for Safe Ride got juice, chips, coozies, t-shirts, key chains, magnets and more.

SafeRide also collaborated with WXSU radio station on campus to use their new outdoor sound equipment to play music for everyone to hear.

"I think Rock the Quad is a successful way to get people interested in Safe Ride because they are raising awareness and having fun at the same time. Also, the event is in the middle of freshman housing so they can let new students know that there is a way for them to get involved on campus and an outlet for them if they are ever in a bad



Brett Morgan photo

SafeRide members including Will Sykora, Samantha Klenkel, and president Samantha Rohlander enjoy their fun-filled Friday event. Rock the Quad introduced students to the services SafeRide provides.

## Come hell or high heat: OSAO&L's 2008 Student Activities Fair



Brett Morgan photo

The SU Sailing Club was a big hit at the Student Activities Fair, having come prepared with an actual boat.

By Robert Cogdell  
Staff Writer

Students of various backgrounds

and interests came to Red Square to check out organizations ranging from the African Student Association to

Zeta Tau Alpha. Not even the scorching 92 degrees could stop the countless students and 25 plus student organizations who participated in the Student Activities Fair this past Thursday.

From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., organizations campus-wide gathered with flyers, banners, posters, and even a boat to recruit potential members. "We expect 500-600 students between the hours of the fair," said Ann Obert, administrative assistant for the Office of Student Activities, Organizations and Leadership (OSAOL), who hosted the event. One big change from previous years of hosting the Student Activities Fair, Obert mentioned, was the advertising. "We kept in closer contact with the club presidents" she said.

The Student Activities Fair was designed to showcase Salisbury University's Registered Student Organizations and also give students, especially freshmen and transfers, an opportunity to see the many organizations on campus. Freshmen students in particular filled Red Square, blue papers in hand. As mandated by

the New Student Orientation, freshmen were required to get signatures from three organizations. No one seemed to fuss over the requirement, though.

Freshman Beth Hallet said that her level of comfort between first arriving on campus and the Student Activities Fair was "a four on a scale of ten" with one being most comfortable. "You can meet new people [and] get outside," Hallet said. Even returning SU students and transfers had something to gain. "My first school had no real fair," said Christen Fields-Carr, a junior who transferred to SU this fall. Aside from going to discover new organizations, "there are a variety of people you can see and introduce," Fields-Carr said. A few organizations she was interested in included the Future Filmmakers Club, Sophanes, BT GLASS and Women's Rugby, whom she said were nice.

While some organizations, like Campus Crusade for Christ (CRU) and Casser Le Moule (French for "Breaking the Mold"), had a vast number of students sign up, other clubs like Haidong Gumbo had a

niche group of interested students sign up. "At every fair we get about 20-30 signatures [for the mailing list], but only three will stay," said Derek Graham, president of Haidong Gumbo. Despite this, Graham saw the afternoon as a good recruitment.

In order to attract more students to their table and spread the word, most organizations used games, flyers and an assortment of colors, most of which were associated with the club. One technique to attract students is free stuff. Organizations handed out freebies which items like Frisbees, pens, shirts and food.

Although Senior Brian Kemmer did not see a direct positive correlation between hand outs and membership, he did remark how all college students love free stuff. In handing out brownies and flyers, Kayla Alongna from the Psychology Club said she noticed one correlation. "The free-loaders took the brownies and the serious people take the flyers." Despite this, most organizations agreed that the Student Activities Fair helped out with the number of members who have signed up. "Giving out

stuff encourages freshmen," said senior Jonathan Moynihan, president of CRU. He went on to suggest that good presentation was essential for the bare tables.

How did students respond to the scorching heat? There were shirt made into turbans and flyers turned into fans. Sophomore Zach Grant approved of student's commitment to the fair. "People shouldn't let a little heat keep them in their rooms," Grant said. Towards the middle of the Student Activities Fair, organizations found refuge from the heat in the shade, moving tables beneath trees and out of the sun. The Student Organization for Activity Planning (SOAP) was prepared with a cooler filled with water bottles and Relay For Life handed out sun screen. The only thing most people agreed on changing was the heat. "[They should] have the Student Activities Fair in the shade or tent," said Sigma Pi brother Sid Bindra.

Although weather for future Student Activities Fairs is uncertain, the event captures high turnout every year.

## News from the PR office: Fun Day 2008 fast approaching

SALISBURY, MD—From the equine sportsmen of the Renaissance era to a champion stunt biker of the 21st century, Fun Day: Explore SU brings an afternoon of entertainment and educational events to the Salisbury University campus Saturday, September 20.

Scheduled from 1-5 p.m., the event features two stunt shows by champion mountain biker Mike Steidley, a Renaissance-themed section complete with two live jousts and tours of the new Teacher Education and Technology Center, along with some 50 other family fun activities.

Steidley demonstrates the "ups and downs" of stunt cycling at 1:15 and 3 p.m. on the Fun Day Green. For those who prefer their entertainment from another era, Paragon Jousting holds live Renaissance demonstrations at 2 and 4 p.m. on the Holloway Hall Lawn, along with Renaissance musicians and strolling squires. A roving caricaturist provides portraits throughout the day.

Another highlight is the SU Chemistry Department's annual packed-house "Fire and Ice" demonstration held in Devilbiss Auditorium. This exciting show comes complete with explosions and ice cream.

"We want Fun Day to appeal to a wide variety of interests," said Betsy Rodier, Fun Day coordinator. "Families never know what they'll find moving from building to building and classroom to classroom. One room might have a candy sushi-making demonstration courtesy of University Dining Services, while

right next door children may be learning to write their names in Chinese calligraphy."

Most festival activities are on the Fun Day Green—the expanse of lawn between the Rt. 13 parking lot and

with child-safe tools, games, free events, a chance to be photographed with SU's Sammy the Sea Gull and much more.

A hayride provides tours of the campus, stopping at the Renaissance



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A "flame thrower" wows the crowd at SU's Fun Day 2007.

Henson Science Hall. There will be an inflatable moon bounce and obstacle course, arts and crafts such as the Ward Museum's duck carving

area, where families may enjoy historic demonstrations as well as more modern attractions such as a dragon moon bounce. The wagon also

stops by Fulton Hall, which features even more crafts, exhibits and demonstrations like pottery throwing. Children are encouraged to bring sneakers to play with the "big kids" during sports clinics, or a bathing suit to take a dip in SU's pool.

During Fun Day, SU students, faculty and staff demonstrate some of their unique talents, from using geographic information systems to take aerial photographs to playing in bands including Pugsley and Elvis Who?, two of this year's many live music performances.

By design, the festival offers an interactive environment where children may experience things they have never tried before. "The activities keep the focus on education while sending a strong message that learning can be fun," said Rodier.

Many campus departments and student groups are involved, including the Student Organization for Activities Planning (SOAP) with a "Snakes Alive" presentation. Children are also invited to go behind the scenes at SU's television production studio and the Public Radio Delmarva stations.

Coming to campus from the community are organizations including the Wicomico County Sheriff's Office and its K-9 unit. Delmarva Broadcasting also returns to provide treats and tunes with its free ice cream truck.

Fun Day activities are free and the public is invited. For more information call 410-543-6030 or visit the SU Web site at [www.salisbury.edu/funday](http://www.salisbury.edu/funday).

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## Fall 2008 Sports Preview

### FOOTBALL

By Ben Muell  
Staff Writer

Roughly fifty members of the Salisbury University football team spent their summer not on the beach, but in the weight room and on the track. "There is not an off season. We practice to prepare for the game and we carry ourselves like that at all time," senior guard Jeremy McKinney said.

Senior Matt Barnes and junior linebacker Josh Leonardi will lead the Gulls' 3-3-5 stack defense. Senior Justin Acker and junior Antoine Cuff will lead the secondary. Seniors Jarrell Chandler and McCall Tyler will bookend a very deep and athletic line.

Junior William Midgett will finally get his time to shine in the slot back position along side fellow junior Nick Soussanin, a very talented skill player. Senior super back Shelby Fisher will be the sledgehammer of the Gulls' option ground attack. Wide outs senior Kevin Tillage and junior DJ Nelson will stretch opposing defenses deep into the secondary. Senior offensive lineman and pre-season All-American David Preston will head a senior class of five offensive linemen.

Returning for his third year as quarterback is senior Ronnie Curley. "We're really excited about the coming season. We have a lot of seniors that have played together for the last four years and we're going to take it one game at a time, but we are expecting to win," Curley said.

"There is a quote on the wall in the locker room, 'when you win nothing hurts' and we expect to win so we know that all our hard work will pay off," Fisher said. This confidence was echoed by Coach Wood who is counting on senior experience and a wealth of depth all over the field to lead them back to the playoffs.

### VOLLEYBALL

By Rachel Grau  
Staff Writer

The Gulls volleyball team returns to the court after losing only one senior from last year's CAC winning team. "It gives us a year of experience when we walk on the opponent's court," Coach Margie Knight said.

With a competitive season for the Sea Gulls ahead, each member of the team will play an intricate role. "Everyone has to step up in their own position," senior Jaime Marzocchi said. Senior outside hitter and All-American Stacey Krebs helps lead the Sea Gull offense. Other outside hitters include junior Rachel Downes, senior Stephanie Withers and sophomore Melissa Stansbury. Senior Sabrina Larmer and junior Nicole Massarelli will be positioned in the middle for the Gulls. Withers, Marzocchi, Massarelli, Downes and junior Gabby Long will be strong servers for the Sea Gull offense.

Freshmen Lauren Tracey and Lindsey Saltzman look to contribute on the defensive side of the net. Sophomore Annie Belott also returns this season to help control the defense.

Sophomores Lexy Fitzke, Alexandria Malesick and junior Stephanie Carey will join as newcomers to help defend the CAC title. "It was really intimidating coming onto this team, I knew there were high expectations," Tracey said.

The Gulls will host both the Sea Gull Classic and the Salisbury Invitational. "Our home crowds are terrific, we'd love to see people come out and support SU Volleyball," Knight said. The Sea Gulls home opener will be September 17 against conference rival Marymount (Va.) at 7 p.m.

With a competitive season ahead, the team knows just how tough the competition will be. "After winning the CAC, everyone wants to beat us," Marzocchi said.

### MEN'S SOCCER

By Tom Watson  
Staff Writer

The No. 17 Salisbury University men's soccer team is expecting nothing short of another championship season in 2008. After capturing their sixth CAC title since 1999 last season, the Gulls are ready to continue that success. "It's always good to start off where you ended the year before," Head Coach Gerry DiBartolo said.

The Gulls started the season ranked No. 22 and after three games in 2008, the Salisbury men have jumped to No. 17, outscoring their opponents 6-1 in their first three contests.

The Gulls return all but one of their defensive core from last season including All-CAC first team member junior Justin McGrath, all-conference second team senior Ryan Chacon and junior goalie Greg Wellinghoff. "Greg is an outstanding goalkeeper," DiBartolo said. Wellinghoff allowed just seven goals in 17 games last season. The defensive unit recorded 16 shutouts last season, a testament to DiBartolo's defend-first attitude.

The Gulls' offense finished as the eighth-best offense in Division III in 2007. The Gulls averaged 3.55 goals per game. Junior Kyle Sterling looks to be the go-to-guy again this season after leading the Gulls in scoring last year and earning All-CAC first team honors. Sterling already has two goals this season but "he will be a highly marked player this year," DiBartolo said. Salisbury will also look to playmakers like sophomore Mike Napolitano (All-CAC first team) and senior Romaine Bruney (All-CAC second team).

All expectations this year point toward a trophy. "The objective every year is to be competitive and win the CAC," says DiBartolo, and his team believes they can do just that.

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

By Jeffrey Southworth  
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University women's soccer team is entering the 2008 season with high hopes and expectations. The Gulls are playing for their third straight NCAA tournament birth. Last year, the Gulls reached the NCAA tournament after going 14-4-1 and finished second in the CAC. The 14 wins were the most since the 2001 season.

The Gulls enter the season with leadership and experience. They return two all-conference players, the entire starting defense and starting goalie.

On offense, the Gulls will turn to senior forward Dana Passucci and junior midfielder Christina Eury. Passucci collected 11 points and four goals last season as well as recording a 652 shots on goal percentage. Eury started every game last season and was elected co-captain for 2008. Junior forward Samantha Asch will be expected to make contributions for the Gulls' offense.

The defense is coming off a season in which they gave up only 12 goals. The defense will look to All-CAC junior Hillary Grove to maintain the defensive intensity achieved last year. Senior co-captain Kelli Slater will also play an important role in the Gulls' defense. Junior Colleen Galligan and senior Katie Marshall will also look to make contributions on the defensive side of the ball.

Senior and All-CAC second team goalie Gena Goodson returns to the net for SU. Last year, Goodson recorded 68 saves with a .88 save percentage. Her outstanding save percentage was among the top 20 in the nation.

SU opens its 2008 home schedule against Ursinus College on September 13. Ursinus kicks off a four-game home stand for the Gulls. The Gulls will go to play three consecutive conference games, including a match-up against No. 16 York College.

### FIELD HOCKEY

By Edward Baidoo  
Staff Writer

The No. 2 Sea Gulls field hockey team got off to a good start with a 1-0 win over St. Mary's on Friday.

Coach Dawn Chamberlin has enjoyed a lot of success since taking the head coach position. She led the Gulls to the NCAA Tournament 21 times in her 22 years as coach and is one of the most successful coaches in Division III history, with three national championships along with a run of 13 straight CAC championships. She is also one of eight field hockey coaches in Division III and one of twenty field hockey coaches in NCAA history to record 300 wins.

The Gulls were, as Chamberlin said, "very disappointed" when they lost the championship game by a goal to Middlebury last year. But the loss may prove as extra motivation to finish out on top this season. "They have lots of motivation and lots of fire and they will be ready to go," Chamberlin said. In order to win the championship, they will have to overcome some key losses, especially the loss of star goalie Maria Ramondos. "Goalkeepers are very difficult to replace. She came in her freshman year and helped us win a national championship," Chamberlin said.

Though Ramondos is no longer there at goalie, Chamberlin has confidence in this year's starting goalie, sophomore Anna Cooke. There are a lot of returning players that should have a major impact on the success of this year's squad. Sophomore midfielder Courtney Webster and junior forward Beverly Beladino will look to step up even more this year. This year's team is determined to work together to reach one goal, which, as Beladino put it best is "to win a championship."

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### Football

The No. 12 SU football team (1-0) edged out a close win on Saturday by defeating Albright College 30-28. SU was led by sophomore slot Bryan Woolson. Woolson ran for a career-high 112 yards on nine carries and scored twice in the second half.

Senior All-American Jarrell Chandler led the SU defense with 11 tackles and two sacks.

Senior quarterback Ronnie Curley ran for 71 yards on 20 carries including a 34-yard touchdown run. Senior super-back Shelby Fisher added 101 yards on 18 carries to the Gulls offense. SU hosts Geneva College on Saturday, Sept. 13 at 6 p.m.

**Men's Soccer**

The No. 17 SU men's soccer team (4-0) defeated Washington and Jefferson College on Saturday 1-0 in overtime.

Sophomore Mike Napolitano scored the game's only goal off the rebound of a junior Kyle Sterling header.

Junior goalie Greg Wellinghoff recorded four saves. Defenders senior Ryan Chacon and junior Justin McGrath anchored a solid Gulls

defense. The Gulls next home game is Sept. 16 at 4 p.m. against Gallaudet.

**Women's Soccer**

The SU women's soccer team (2-1) shutout Guilford College 1-0 on Saturday. Sophomore Brenna Shulder scored the game's only goal off a freshman Sarah Jesselino assist in the 75th minute.

Senior Gena Goodson recorded four saves in her first shutout in 2008. The Gulls next home game is Sept. 13 against Ursinus at 1 p.m.

**Volleyball**

The SU volleyball team (5-1) went a perfect 4-0 over the weekend at the Bartfield Classic in Gettysburg.

Senior Stacey Krebs recorded 28 combined kills to surpass 1,400 kills for her career. Krebs became the all-time kills' leader in school history.

Senior Jaime Marzocchi and junior Nicole Massarelli were named to the all-tournament team. Massarelli led the Gulls' attack with a .462 hitting percentage.

The Gulls' first home game is Sept. 17 against Marymount (Va.) at 7 p.m.

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### Former SU player signed by Redskins



By Chris Brown  
Staff Writer

Former Salisbury University All-American Byron Westbrook was signed to the Washington Redskins practice squad on September 3. The defensive back and return specialist was released during the team's final cuts, but was re-signed the following day. Westbrook appeared in four of Washington's pre-season games and had seven tackles and one pass deflection. "From his freshman year through his senior year, he continued to make plays," said SU Head Coach Sherman Wood. "I am happy for him and it just shows that hard work pays off."

Westbrook came to Salisbury after completing a high school career at DeMatha Catholic in Prince George's County. He became a starter half way through his freshman year. "From that day on, he started making spectacular plays," Wood said.

Westbrook had 56 tackles and eight interceptions in 2004. He was a pre-season All-American pick going into the next season. "In 2005, he returned a punt against Wesley and you could just tell that his athleticism was something special," Wood said. "He made a lot of people miss, and he scored to put us in a position to win the game."

He would leave Salisbury as the all-time leader in interceptions with 18 and would finish his collegiate career with 138 tackles. He was named the team's most valuable player in 2006 and also served as team captain. "He provided a lot of pointers, and the players respected him a lot," Wood said.

Coach Wood described Westbrook as a quiet leader and somebody who led by example. "He demonstrated what he was about on the field," Wood said.

When on the field for the Gulls, Westbrook was named first team All-Atlantic Central Football Conference as cornerback three times and was a first team All-American in 2005 and 2006. In addition, he was first team All-ACFC twice as a return specialist. In 2006 against Morrisville State, Westbrook returned a kickoff 83 yards for a touchdown. The performance was good enough for co-ACFC special teams' player of the week. In his four years at Salisbury, Westbrook totaled 1,538 kick return yards.

On May 15, 2007, Westbrook signed a free agent contract with Washington. He was the second Salisbury football player to make the jump to the NFL, joining former Sea Gull tight end Kyle Acker. Westbrook's entrance to the NFL put him in the same division as his older brother, Brian, an All-Pro running back for the Philadelphia Eagles. In his first pre-season game with the Redskins, Westbrook recovered a fumble and returned it for a touchdown in a 14-6 victory against the Tennessee Titans.

"He was a special guy and he did everything for this program and I am proud not only because he made it to the NFL, but because he received his degree and not a lot of guys in the NFL can say that," Wood said.

Internet photo  
SU alumnus Byron Westbrook was signed to the Redskins on September 3.

## New fitness center open to students



Andrew Baker photo

SU students play racquetball in the University Fitness Center. The Center also offers a variety of classes and programs, as well as a cardio room and a strength room, both fully furnished with new top-of-the-line equipment.

By Shawn Nisson  
Staff Writer

Last April, the Salisbury University Foundation authorized the purchase of the Merritt Racquetball and Fitness Club, making it the first new campus recreational facility in 30 years. The new gym, now named the University Fitness Center, is located on the corner of Wayne and Milford Street. The gym aims to give students an opportunity to work out at another facility besides Maggs Gym without having to pay a membership fee.

"Students love it so far," said Kristin Watson, the facilities fitness coordinator. "They didn't have anything like this before. We offer a lot of different things and operate in a more health club atmosphere compared to Maggs, which is a university gym."

"In two months we feel like we got a lot done," said Matt Nein, the university's manager of facilities and fitness. "When we took over on July 1 there were a lot of things that we didn't even think about that were potentially issues. One was the duct system. The whole system needed to be cleaned. The downstairs air conditioning system wasn't functioning right, so that was completely replaced. The entire entry way was basically gutted and redone from scratch. We removed all the existing equipment, the upstairs flooring was redone, we painted the outside of the building, bought new signs, had new landscaping done - there were a lot of odds and ends. It's not that they didn't take care of it, but you could tell that stuff had years on it."

"What we wanted was for it to have a 'wow' factor," continued Nein. "That's the thing that President Eshbach talked about. When you walk in you want to have a 'wow' factor, and if you had ever been in the building before, walking through the doors now, the place is totally transformed. It's a totally different place when you walk in now."

The facility has changed some as well. Besides offering racquetball, the gym has brand new top-of-the-line equipment and will offer a variety of classes and programs.

"Our greatest strength is our diversity," Watson said. "We have the ability to offer nearly everything anyone could want in a fitness club. From our classes, to

racquetball, we have a cardio room, a strength-training program and strength room. We feel like we left no stone unturned. Everything is brand new, and hopefully it will produce more effective results."

"It was almost a no brainer," Nein said. "With its location right behind the soccer fields and right

across from UP, it's great. It will help to relieve some of the stress on Maggs because it is normally jam-packed between. We found that a lot of students, on top of the fees they pay to use our facilities, were going out and buying memberships at other gyms because it was just impossible to get on a treadmill or an elliptical.

But this will let people have an opportunity to work out whenever they want."

"Once it catches on, it will be the buzz around campus," Watson said. "Once people get into a routine we should be extremely busy and continue to grow in popularity."



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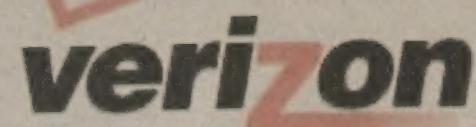
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